

Dec. 24, 2012 Update – Martha Washington Park Vicinity (Basin 45)

Seattle Public Utilities has **purchased the property at 5560 S. Holly St.** We helped the tenants find a new place to live, and they have moved. SPU has secured the house and hired a company to maintain the grounds until construction begins. Landscaping firms may be visiting the site over the next couple weeks to be able to provide cost estimate for the work.

We also are applying for a **Master Use Plan permit** that, once granted, will allow us to demolish the house. That permitting process will take approximately six months, because the permit will require City Council approval.

And we are **beginning design work**, which will incorporate community input in the site layout and restoration. Our survey crews recently completed field work to create the base map for the design work. SPU and its consultants will be conducting additional field work and periodically visiting the site throughout the design phase. Once SPU hires the General Contractor/Construction Manager for the project, they will be visiting the site and may be performing additional fieldwork as well.

Around the week of January 7, 2013, the project's geotechnical firm will begin drilling borings on the 5560 S. Holly property and at select locations along 57th Ave. S. The intent is to gather information about subsurface soil, bedrock and groundwater conditions for use in design. This work is expected to take three to five days. We will be sure to maintain access to residences.